

REMARKS

Claim 1 is the sole remaining claim. Applicants affirm the provisional election of Group I, claims 1-4.

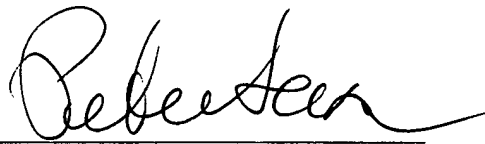
Applicants will perfect their claim for foreign priority by filing a certified copy of Japanese Application 2002-328706 in a timely manner.

It is noted the claim 4 was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. This has now been done. Claims 2-5 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing a divisional application directed to their subject matter.

There being no further issues, it is respectfully requested that the claim be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If any item remains unresolved, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Saxon", written over a horizontal line.

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